

PAGES ECN Newsletter - May 2019

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the PAGES Early-Career Network Newsletter! Please see below for the latest news and announcements.

Best wishes,
The PAGES ECN Steering Committee

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1. New Involvement Opportunities for PAGES ECN Members

The PAGES ECN is changing its internal structure. In an attempt to branch out and engage more active members in tasks, we will be forming task groups (“clusters”) that operate independently, but in close contact with the steering committee and with each other. Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming calls (see for example points 2 and 3 below)! If you have ideas for new clusters or activities for the ECN, don’t hesitate to contact us.

2. Webinars: Organizers Wanted!

One of the PAGES ECN’s objectives is to offer training and information through webinars. We are now looking for people who are keen to form and lead the ECN Webinar cluster. The task will be to regularly host webinars on topics that are of interest to ECRs (e.g. career advice, job interviews, publishing, grant writing, etc.). This will entail choosing topics and scheduling webinars, reaching out to speakers, advertising the event, and hosting the webinar. This is a great opportunity to connect with experts within the PAGES community and beyond, make a useful contribution to the ECR community, and gain experience and visibility. Please contact pages.ecn@gmail.com to express your interest.

3. Expressions of Interest Wanted: Past Coupled Natural-Human Systems Workshop

The positive synergies created by PAGES and INQUA in Utrecht’s Impacts of sea-level rise from past to present (iSLR18) meeting opened the door to organise similar joint events every two years, between the PAGES and the INQUA conferences. Future ECR workshop participants will benefit from synthesising theories, knowledge and disparate sources of data from paleoenvironmental, archaeological and allied models. The ultimate

goal is to strengthen collaborations among the future generation of paleoscientists working at the climate-environment-cultural change nexus.

For the next PAGES-INQUA ECR workshop, we propose a topic that is interdisciplinary in nature such as long-term dynamics of coupled human and environmental systems. This workshop is a great opportunity to catalyze new discussions that challenge deterministic explanations on the evolution of natural and human systems. Please contact pages.ecn@gmail.com if you have interest in being involved in this workshop's organising team.

4. The Early Pages Blog Update

Last month on The Early Pages

Can plants keep secrets? In the new post on The Early Pages, Caitlin MacKenzie writes about the mystery of alpine vegetation of the Main Mountains. Caitlin describes how the power of networking and her pursuit of solving the mystery have changed her perception of time: <https://theearlypages.blogspot.com/2019/04/how-to-become-paleobiologist.html>

Stay tuned for our upcoming posts about the role of light in aquatic ecosystems, field working in Tajikistan, and advice on how to deal with co-authorship.

Are you interested in writing a post? Please contact us at pages.ecn.blog@gmail.com! Don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@TheEarlyPages](https://twitter.com/TheEarlyPages)!

5. PAGES ECN Write Club

Do you find it difficult to stay focused or dedicate time to your writing? Do you find the writing process isolating or overwhelming? Or are you simply looking for ways to use your time more efficiently? Consider joining our newly formed Write Club! We will hold regular online writing retreats, where we write in a time-structured way, with the moral support of fellow ECRs.

Send an email to writeclub.pages.ecn@gmail.com for more information.

6. PAGES ECN at EGU 2019, Vienna

Members of the ECN met again at this year's European Geophysical Union's General Assembly 7-12 April in Vienna. Deidre, Manuel, and April attended a meeting with other networks to discuss the dynamics of ECR groups. Many of the things that the PAGES ECN has organized in its first year of operation received positive attention from the other early-career networks. In particular our webinars and the blog stand out, so please keep contributing to these initiatives as ECN members.